

Selected Poetry of William Blake
Vocabulary Warm-up Exercises

Exercise A *Fill in each blank below using the appropriate word from Word List A.*

The weather was [1] _____ and sunny. There was a gentle breeze blowing over the waving grass of the [2] _____ and onto the hills beyond it. We were [3] _____ to carry our camping equipment into the meadow. The equipment was [4] _____ with heavy rope so that it would stay in place in our packs. The rope binding made it easier to [5] _____ and carry the heavy packs. When we reached the meadow, Jane [6] _____ from the pain that her blisters caused her. Our hope was to camp in the meadow for three days, but a change in the weather suddenly brought flood conditions that forced us to change our minds. We had to climb into the hills to reach safety. I knew we would both [7] _____ when we escaped the dangerously rising water. For our next trip, we will [8] _____ to complete a much easier activity.

Exercise B *Revise each of the following statements so that it makes sense. Be sure to include the underlined vocabulary words in your revised sentences.*

1. An immortal character in a story is likely to die before the end.

2. A meek person is very outgoing.

3. If something is distant, it is nearby.

4. Injured sinews would not affect an athlete's ability to do gymnastics.

5. If you grasp a ball, it will bounce away.

6. If you sulk about something, it means that you are very happy about it.

7. One example of a dread noise is a bird's chirping.

8. A person lying on his sofa all day is clearly striving to achieve his fitness goals.
